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SUBJECT: ENERGY: OIL AND GAS POTENTIAL OFF NOVA SCOTIA COAST

1. DURING HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD MARCH 23, OPPOSITION ASKED EMR MINISTER GILLESPIE ABOUT DRILLING RESULTS AT PENOBSCOT B-41 WELL OFF SOUTHEAST COAST OF NOVA SCOTIA. GILLESPIE REPLIED THAT THE PENOBSCOT WELL IS NOT DOWN TO FULL DEPTH AND THAT PRESS INDICATIONS THAT PETROLEUM HAS BEEN FOUND ARE PREMATURE.

2. EMBOFF FOLLOWED UP THIS EXCHANGE ON DRILLING OFF NOVA SCOTIA WITH C.R. WINTER, SPECIAL ADVISOR ON PETROLEUM RESOURCES AT EMR. WINTER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT "NOT ENOUGH OIL OR GAS HAD BEEN FOUND TO FILL A LIGHTER" BUT WOULD SEEK A MORE DEFINITIVE READING FROM THE SPECIALISTS. ON APRIL 4 WINTER CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT "NEWS IS ALL BAD." HE SAID SHELL REPORTS THAT AT PENOBSCOT L-30 THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL THIN NON-COMMERCIAL OIL SHOWS AT 8,000-10,000 FOOT DEPTHS. EMR EXPERTS,

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ACCORDING TO WINTER, CONFIRM THAT THESE ARE DEFINITELY NOT COMMERCIAL; THEY DOUBT THAT WELL WOULD BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING AT ALL. AT PENOBSCOT B-41 RESULTS HAVE BEEN WORSE; THERE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN A GOOD SHOW. ENDERS

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